

James City County Mid County Park Fact Sheet



Mid County Park Features & Amenities

- Park Office with restrooms and fee-based community room
- Tennis courts, baseball field and lighted basketball courts
- Picnic shelters
- Kidsburg Playground with separate play areas for children ages 2-5 and 5-12; general play area, a ship replica and swing area.
- Eight-foot wide multiuse trail
- Climbing wall

Development of Mid County Park

1984

Mid County Park served as Parks and Recreation's main office until the late 1980s when the James City/Williamsburg Community Center opened. In 1981, land for the park was given to the County by Powhatan Enterprises as part of the development of the Powhatan Secondary neighborhood. The Park initially included a park office, two picnic shelters, a soccer field, two lighted baseball fields, tennis courts and a fitness course funded by Williamsburg Community Hospital.

1984-1994

The Park was used for tennis camps and classes, soccer games by the Williamsburg Soccer Club, pickup basketball and a variety of parks and recreation special and family events. The baseball fields were used predominantly by Williamsburg Youth Baseball, the American Legion and one field was the home field for Lafayette High School Baseball. Picnic shelters provided space for concession operations during baseball games as well as birthday parties and family reunions.

1993

A Vietnam memorial statue and lighted flag pole, donated by David Hooker, was erected to honor local residents who gave their lives in the Vietnam War.

1994

The area previously used as a soccer field was redesigned and Kidsburg officially opened. Following five days and thousands of volunteer hours, James City County's first community-built playground was complete and ready for play. What began as a meeting among County staff, local parents and their children and area businesses to assess community recreation needs, grew into the non-profit, parent-created Create-A-Playground Committee, dedicated solely to the development and maintenance of a community playground. The Create-A-Playground committee raised \$120,000 in donations and in-kind services to cover playground construction costs, landscaping and to set up a Kidsburg maintenance trust fund. The playground forever changed the face of Mid County Park.

2003

A Bouldering Climbing Wall was constructed as an Eagle Scout project to introduce a new physical activity for youth within the park. Due to the popularity of the activity, the climbing wall was retained in the 2013 playground renovations.

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2006

A new eight-foot wide multiuse trail was constructed around the park. Funded in part by Land and Water Conservation Funds, this new trail connected all the features of the park as well as links to neighborhoods and new shopping areas. With the opening of the trail, pedestrian access to the park soared as multi-generational users began to take advantage of the ability to walk, run or ride a bike in a safe environment.

2006-2011

Mid County Park attendance soared to over 300,000 visitors using Kidsburg and the baseball, tennis and the lighted basketball courts annually. A rezoning of the property to Public Lands as well as increased attendance, user conflicts, safety issues and maintenance costs of aging structures required the development of a Master Plan for the park. Citizens provided input into the redesign of the park and a playground committee comprised of County staff and parents created the vision for the new Kidsburg playground. The James City County Board of Supervisors adopted the Mid County Park Master Plan in May 2011.

2013

Construction of Phase 1 of the Master Plan including the new park office and new Kidsburg playground were completed in August 2013, using Capital Improvement Funds.

The Future

Future phases of the park include the addition of a splash pad, additional parking and a shelter to accommodate larger groups.

Park Operating Hours

Daily, May-September, sunrise—10 p.m.

Daily, October-April, sunrise—9 p.m.



For more information, call the Park Office at 757-259-5360 or visit jamescitycountyva.gov/recreation.



For more information on James City County Parks and Recreation programs, facilities and services, pick up a copy of the latest edition of the Destination Recreation Activity Brochure, available at the James City County Recreation Center, the Abram Frink Jr. Community Center, all public County Government and Parks and Recreation facilities and at the County and City libraries. You can also download a copy at jamescitycountyva.gov/recreation.